

**In the Abstract:**

Please make the following changes in the abstract (most recent version in the amendment filed January 4, 2005):

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The absorber pipe (1), especially for a parabolic collector for a solar heat collecting apparatus, is described. The absorber pipe (1) includes has a central metal pipe (3), and a glass sleeve tube (2) surrounding the pipe so that an annular space (4) is formed between them and an expansion compensating device connecting the central metal pipe and a glass-metal transitional element (5) on a free end of the sleeve tube (2). An expansion compensation device (10) is provided, which is arranged under a glass-metal transitional element (5) attached to the sleeve tube (2) and at least partially within an annular space (4) and between the metal pipe (3) and the glass-metal transitional element. The expansion compensation device (10) (10), which connects the metal pipe and sleeve tube, so that they can slide relative to each other, and includes can have a folding bellows (11) for that purpose. Furthermore it also includes a connecting element (15) is provided, which has either a cylindrical or a conical section (17,18,18") and which connects an interior one end of the folding bellows with the metal pipe.